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TO SECSTATE WASH DC IMMEDIATE 2171

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 3632

SECSTATE FOR OPERATIONS CENTER

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BGEN, AR

SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT TO FORD SUBSIDIARY

REF: STATE 098553, BUENOS AIRES 3623

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PRESIDENT FORD ARGENTINA OF SHOOTING ON MAY 21 IN WHICH TWO SUPERVISORS (ARGENTINES) SHOT OUTSIDE FORD PLANT WHICH WAS RESULT OF KIDNAP ATTEMPT. FORD SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM ERP DEMANDING PAYMENT OF \$1,000,000 U. S. FOR PUCHASE MEDICINE, MILK, ETC TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS OR FURTHER KIDNAPPING OF OFFICIALS. LOCAL MANAGER ERDMAN ASKED EMBASSY ADVICE. EMBASSY ADVISED ERDMAN NOT TO PAY RANSOM AND TO REPORT MATTER TO POLICE.

2. ERDMAN INDICATED TO EMBASSY THEIR INTENTION OF GOING ALONG WITH EXTORTIONIST DEMAND BUT WILL BE REPORTING TO POLICE.

3. FOR INFORMATION DEPARTMENT ON FURTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING U. S. FIRM, A MR. CASTELL, ARGENTINE OFFICIAL OF SUBSIDIARY OF COCA COLA EXPORT HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED AND HELD FOR \$1,000,000 RANSOM ALLEGEDLY BY ERP. PARENT COMPANY NEGOTIATING TRYING TO PAY RANSOM.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO FURTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING U. S. FIRMS AND NO ADDITIONAL THREATS.

5. POLICE KNOW OF NO POTENTIAL THREAT TOWARDS SECURITY OF SECRETARY ROGERS STEMMING FROM THESE INCIDENTS.

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